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*Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement
and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently.*

1. Name and address of registrant Ridge Global LLC 1101 16th Street, NW Suite 308 Washington, DC 20036	2. Registration No. 5868
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3. Name of foreign principal Government of Albania	4. Principal address of foreign principal Blv. Deshmoret e Kombit Keshilli Ministrave Tirana, Albania
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5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:

- ☒ Foreign government
- ☐ Foreign political party
- ☐ Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |
- ☐ Individual-State nationality _____

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6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
The Office of the Prime Minister
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals
His Excellency Sali Berisha, Prime Minister

7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Principal address
N/A
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals
- c) Principal aim

8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party,

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

N/A

b) Is this foreign principal

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). *(If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)*

N/A

10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

N/A

Date of Exhibit A

6/12/08

Name and Title

Thomas J. Ridge
President & CEO

Signature

Thomas J. Ridge

INSTRUCTIONS: A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. One original and two legible photocopies of this form shall be filed for each foreign principal named in the registration statement and must be signed by or on behalf of the registrant.

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1. Name of Registrant
Ridge Global LLC

2. Registration No.

5868

3. Name of Foreign Principal
Government of Albania

Check Appropriate Boxes:

4. ☐ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. ☒ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.

7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.
The registrant will provide consulting services on a number of issues impacting the government of Albania.

8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

The Registrant will provide strategic consulting services in connection with creating and implementing a comprehensive homeland security strategy; creating a good governance plan; organizing a seminar to obtain expert advice from U.S. Policy makers and providing additional advice on an as needed basis.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

Services to the foreign principal may include discussions or meetings with U.S. government officials in connection with Albania's membership in NATO and the EU.

Date of Exhibit B 6/12/08	Name and Title Thomas J. Ridge President & CEO	Signature 
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Footnote: Political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

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His Excellency
Sali Berisha
Prime Minister of Republic of Albania

Re: Proposed Scope of Work for Albania

Thank you for providing Ridge Global LLC the opportunity to present this proposal to assist the Government of Albania with issues critical to its objectives in the United States, European Union (EU), and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Based on our meeting with Prime Minister Dr. Sali Berisha and members of his cabinet in March and subsequent related meetings, we are confident that our efforts can help Albania meet the following objectives:

- Create and implement a comprehensive homeland security strategy.
- Create a good governance strategy.
- Organize and hold two one-day seminars to obtain expert advice from U.S. Policy makers.
- Provide strategic advice to the government of Albania on an as needed basis.

We believe that focusing on and achieving these initial objectives will create the foundation needed for Albania to become a regional leader in the eyes of the international community.

Comprehensive Homeland Security Strategy

We will research and produce an overall "Homeland Security" strategy that will focus on air, land, and sea security for Albania. The geographical location of Albania makes it critical that the government has a forward thinking approach to terrorism and homeland defense. We will help you achieve these goals while at the same time keep Albania's borders open and secure, positioning Albania to become an economic force in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

Good Governance Strategy

We will research and produce an overall good governance strategy that will focus on, but not be limited to, the economy, education, health care, agriculture, infrastructure, telecommunications, and travel and tourism. This strategy will incorporate best practices tailored to the needs of Albania. We will work closely with Prime Minister Berisha and his cabinet to help implement these goals.

We will provide strategic advice in regards to the challenges Albania faces with corruption, fighting crime and money laundering.

We will also advise the Prime Minister and his Cabinet to make sure goals are achieved in regards to the Millennium Challenge Account.

Support for NATO membership

NATO membership is a major strategic objective for the Albanian Government. We will provide the Albanian Government with expert advice on the reforms necessary for preparing the country for NATO membership.

Expert Advice Seminars

In order to utilize the "best and brightest" minds on this important project, we plan to hold two one-day seminars in Washington, D.C. We will draw upon our former and current colleagues that have expertise in the various areas of focus mentioned above. We welcome members of Prime Minister Berisha's cabinet to participate in these seminars.

Strategic Advice

We are available to provide a wide range of strategic advice that draws upon my experience as Secretary of Homeland Security, as well as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a United States Congressman. I will be the lead on any strategic advice provided to the Prime Minister or his cabinet. However, any direct contact with the United States government on behalf of Albania will be made by Blank Rome Government Relations, LLC. In addition to our strategic advice, we have relationships with third parties across the political spectrum and will work with you to determine potential allies and groups that can create support for your objectives. Think tanks, nonprofits, and advocacy groups are playing an increasingly critical role in defining

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the debate in Washington, D.C. and other international capitals and can act to magnify or diminish an issue.

General Provisions

In order to implement this strategy, I propose an annual engagement starting September 1, 2006. Given the comprehensive scope of services referred to herein, I propose our monthly retainer be set at forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00). As compensation for its role in support of Ridge Global, LLC, Blank Rome Government Relations, LLC will receive a monthly retainer of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.000) from this fee. I propose we do a comprehensive review of work and fees every six months from the start of this contract. At the conclusion of the specified engagement period, if we continue to perform services on your behalf, the engagement may either be renewed for a specific term or the engagement will automatically continue on an annual basis subject to the termination provisions set forth in the Addendum.

With the approval of the Prime Minister and his cabinet, Ridge Global, LLC reserves the right to seek additional expertise in agreed upon priorities. Expenditures and contracts for this supplementary knowledge will be handled by the Campaign for the Future of Albania.

The services Ridge Global, LLC will provide are non-legal in nature and distinct from the kinds of services that are provided by lawyers. Some of the legal protections that exist within an attorney-client relationship do not apply. In an attorney-client relationship, an attorney is ordinarily required to maintain the confidentiality of all information relating to the representation of the client, and communications between a client and an attorney are legally protected from compelled disclosure under the attorney-client privilege. Attorneys are also prohibited from representing persons with conflicting interests and are obliged to maintain professional independence.

These aspects of the attorney-client relationship, which exist because of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and the legal doctrine of attorney-client privilege, do not apply to your relationship with Ridge Global, LLC. Nevertheless, we will use reasonable efforts to protect the confidentiality of information relating to this engagement, including communications between us and any of your agents or attorneys, and will not divulge such information except to the extent we need to do so in order to carry out the engagement or unless authorized by you. We also undertake to disclose to you and obtain your consent prior to our acceptance of any other representation that we know may be adverse to your interests.

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On behalf of Ridge Global, LLC and Blank Rome Government Relations, LLC, I thank you for the privilege of representing you and look forward to serving your interests. If this arrangement is agreeable to you, please sign below and return a signed copy of this letter to me.

Very Truly Yours;


Thomas J. Ridge

Agreed and Accepted:


Sali Berisha

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**CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PRODUCING A NATIONAL
HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY, GOOD GOVERNANCE STRATEGY,
SUPPORT FOR NATO MEMBERSHIP AND A STRATEGY FOR WAR
AGAINST CORRUPTION, MONEY LAUNDERING AND CRIMINALITY
BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND RIDGE GLOBAL LLC**

THIS CONTRACT ("Contract") is entered into October , 2006, by and between Prime Minister's Office ("the Client") having its principal place of business at Bulevardi "Deshmoret e Kombit", No. 1, Tirana, Albania, and Thomas J. Ridge, President of Ridge Global LLC ("the Consultant") having its principal office located at 1101 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Suite 208, Washington D.C. 20036, U.S.A..

WHEREAS, the Client wishes to have the Consultant perform the services hereinafter referred to, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is willing to perform these services,

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

Article 1

Services

The Consultant shall perform the services specified below:

- a) Create and implement a comprehensive homeland security strategy. The Consultant will research and produce an overall "Homeland Security" strategy that will focus on air, land, and sea security for Albania. The consultant will help the Government of Albania with advice in the fight against terrorism, and will also advise the government on homeland defense issues in order to keep Albania's borders open and secure, thus positioning Albania to become an economic force in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.
- b) Create a good governance strategy.

The Consultant will research and produce an overall good governance strategy that will focus on, but not limited to, the economy, education, health care, agriculture, infrastructure, telecommunications, and travel and tourism. This strategy will incorporate best practices tailored to the needs of Albania. The Consultant will work closely with the Prime Minister and his cabinet to help implement these goals. The consultant will provide strategic advice in regards to

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The consultants will also advise the Prime Minister and his cabinet to make sure goals are achieved in regards to the Millennium Challenge Account.

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d) Expert Advice Seminars

In order to utilize "best and brightest" minds on this important project, the Consultant, will plan to hold two one-day seminars in Washington, D.C. The Consult will draw upon his former and current colleagues that have expertise in the various areas mentioned above and will welcome members of the Prime Minister's cabinet to participate in these seminars.

e) Strategic Advice

The Consult will be available to provide a wide range of strategic advice that draws upon Mr. Ridge's experience as Secretary of Homeland Security, as well as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a United States Congressman. Mr. Ridge will be the lead on any strategic advice provided to the Prime Minister or his cabinet.

However, any direct contact with the United States government on behalf of Albania will be made by Blank Rome Government Relations, LLC.

In addition to Consultant's strategic advice, the Consultant will work with the Client to determine potential allies and groups that can create support for the objectives of the Albanian government.

f) Provide strategic advice to the government of Albania on an as needed basis.

The Consultant will provide to the government of Albania, strategic advice on as needed basis.

The Consultant shall perform the services mentioned above and submit to the Client the reports within the time period of the contract.

Article 2

Term

a) The Consultant shall perform the Services during the period commencing October, 2006 and continuing through August 2007.

b) The reports listed under Article 1, "Services", shall be submitted in the course of the assignment.

Article 3

Payment

A. Ceiling

For Services rendered pursuant to Article 1. "Services", the Client shall pay the Consultant an amount not to exceed 480.000.00. (USD) for the overall contract. This amount has been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Consultant's fees, costs and profits as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Consultant. Travel and lodging costs for the Consultant and his team of experts within the scope of the contract shall be paid by the Prime Minister's Office and are not included in the overall cost of this contract.

B. Schedule of Payments

The schedule of payments is specified below:

First Installment (Prepayment)

160.000.00 USD upon the Client's receipt of a copy of this Contract signed by the Consultant;

Second installment

160.000.00 USD within April 2007. Consultant must provide the Client with an invoice before the payment is made.

Final installment

160.000.00 USD, upon the Client's receipt of the final report, within August 2007. Consultant must provide the Client with an invoice before the payment is made.

480.000.00USD Total

Ridge Global LLC, will pay an amount of 40.000.00 USD, to Blank Rome Government Relations, LLC, as a compensation for its role in support of Ridge Global, LLC, out of the amount paid by the Client.

C. Payment Conditions

Payment shall be made in USD, to the Consultant's bank account. The Consultant will issue an invoice to the Client.

Payment shall be made by wire transfer for Ridge Global LLC:

Bank Name: Wachovia Bank, N.A.

Account#:

Routing#:

EIN#:

Article 4

Performance Standards

The Consultant undertakes to perform the Services with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.

Article 5

Confidentiality

The Consultant must use reasonable efforts to protect the confidentiality of information relating to this engagement, including communication with the Consultant and any of Client's agents or attorneys and will not divulge such information except to the extent the Consultant needs to do so in order to carry out the engagement or unless authorized by the Client. The Consultant must disclose to the Client and obtain its consent prior to acceptance of any other representation which the Consultant knows it may be adverse to the Client's interests.

Article 6

Ownership of Material

Any studies reports or other material, graphic, software or otherwise, prepared by the Consultant for the Client under the Contract shall belong to and remain the property of the Client. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents and software.

Article 7

Renewal and Termination of the Contract

The contract may be renewed for a specific term with the mutual written consent of both parties to it. If the contract will not be renewed it will terminate, by August 31, 2007.

Article 8

Law Governing Contract and Language

The Contract shall be governed by the laws of the Republic of Albania, and the language of the Contract shall be in English and Albanian.

Article 9

Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising out of the Contract, which cannot be amicably settled between the parties, shall be referred to adjudication/arbitration in accordance with the laws of the Client's country.

Article 10

Entrance into effect

This Contract shall come into effect upon the signature of the Parties.

Article 11

Miscellaneous Provisions

Matters not covered herein may be agreed upon by the Parties in a supplemental agreement in writing.

Article 12

This Contract has a total of 5 (five) pages and is written in 4 originals, in Albanian and English, of equal legal effect with each Party holding 2 of them in each language.

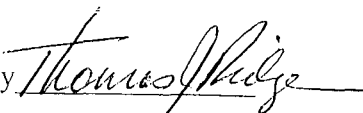
FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
OF ALBANIA

Signed by _____

Title: PRIME MINISTER

FOR RIDGE GLOBAL LLC

Signed by



Title: PRESIDENT

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